

**REMARKS**

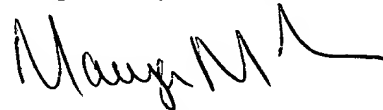
Claims 1-28, 34, 35, 40, 41 and 45-47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 34 is amended solely to add a period at the end of the claim. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The April 20 PTO Notice states that claim 34, as amended in the December 14 Amendment, fails to include a period. The Examiner therefore requests confirmation of the entire text of amended claim 34. As noted above, claim 34 is hereby amended to include a period at the end of the claim. It is respectfully requested that the objection to the December 14 Amendment for not being fully responsive be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the amendments and remarks submitted in the December 14, 2004 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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